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SUBJ: GOC TO SEEK GREATER EC-9 INVOLVEMENT IN CYPRUS PROBLEM

1. GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES TOLD ME DURING CONVERSATIONS ON MARCH 24 THAT ENTIRELY AS A PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND UNBEKNOWNST TO MAKARIOS AT THIS STAGE HE INTENDED SEEK A MORE ACTIVE, DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF EC-9 IN APPROACH TO CYPRUS SOLUTION. HE WOULD BE SEEING IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD AT FONMIN'S STRASBOURG CONFERENCE ON APRIL 17 AND WOULD EXPLORE WITH FITZGERALD HOW THIS COULD BE WORKED OUT, BUILDING UPON EC-9'S EARLIER EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS BE HELPFUL WITH PARTIES.

2. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID HE WAS TELLING ONLY GREEK, BRITISH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS OF HIS INTENTION AND HE ASKED THAT IT BE CLOSELY HELD BEFORE HIS CONVERSATION WITH FITZGERALD TOOK PLACE. THEREAFTER, HE HOPED U.S. WOULD SUPPORT GREATER INVOLVEMENT BY EC-9. AS HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. POSITION FROM RECENT SOJOURN IN NEW YORK, WE WERE NOT OPPOSED TO ACTIVITY OTHER THAN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, SYG UMBRELLA ROLE, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S BEHIND-THE-SCENES ASSISTANCE, PROVIDED IT DID NOT GIVE THE RUSSIANS AN ENTREE. HE FELT INVOLVEMENT OF THE NINE, WHILE LIKELY TO REMAIN SUBORDINATE TO THE OTHER CHANNELS, COULD BE HELPFUL.

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3. I TOLD CHRISTOPHIDES I APPRECIATED HIS INFORMING US OF HIS

INTENTIONS AND SAID I WOULD LET HIM KNOW IF REACTION FROM
WASHINGTON DIFFERED FROM THAT WHICH HE HAD BEEN LED TO EXPECT
BY CONVERSATIONS IN NEW YORK.
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